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SUBJECT: REQUEST OF KCIA OFFICIAL TO REMAIN IN U.S.

1.HALLORAN OF NY TIMES AND UPI REPORTER CALLED DEPARTMENT AFTERNOON OF NOVEMBER 30 TO SAY THEY HAD HARD INFORMATION THAT KIM SANG-KUN OF KOREAN EMBASSY HAD REQUESTED ASYLUM AND TO ASK FOR OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION. HALLORAN ALSO WANTED TO DISCUSS IMPLICATION OF THIS DEVELOPMENT. UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, EA SPOKESMAN SAID HE WOULD HAVE NO COMMENT.

2. ROK EMBASSY INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT HALLORAN HAD ALSO CALLED EMBASSY FOR SAME PURPOSE. EMBASSY SPOKESMAN TOLD HALLORAN HE KNEW NOTHING, BUT SAID EMBASSY WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH HIM FOLLOWING DAY. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY COUNSELLOR YU, SEOUL IS NOW BEING ASKED FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON PRESS HANDLING. YU WAS INFORMED OF DEPARTMENT'S NO-

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